

P-427, 421/CP-85-652 ORDER ALLOWING TIME EXTENSION

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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In the Matter of the Petition of  
Certain Subscribers in the  
Zimmerman Exchange for Extended  
Area Service to the  
Minneapolis/St. Paul  
Metropolitan Calling Area

ISSUE DATE: December 17, 1990  
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**PROCEDURAL HISTORY**

On June 26, 1990, the Commission issued its ORDER AFTER RECONSIDERATION OF JUNE 20, 1989 ORDER IN LIGHT OF MINNESOTA STATUTE § 237.161 (1990). In the Matter of the Petitions of Certain Subscribers in the Exchanges of Zimmerman, Prescott, Waconia, Belle Plaine, North Branch, Lindstrom, New Prague, Cambridge, Hudson, Houlton, LeSueur, Cannon Falls, Delano, Northfield, Buffalo and Watertown for Extended Area Service to the Minneapolis/St. Paul Metropolitan Calling Area, Docket No. P-421, 405, 407, 430, 426, 520, 427/CI-87-76. In that Order the Commission directed the telephone companies serving each of the exchanges, plus the telephone companies serving the existing metro calling area, to submit cost studies and proposed rates for Extended Area Service (EAS) for certain of the petitioning exchanges, including Zimmerman.

On August 20, 1990, the Commission issued its ORDER REQUIRING THE FILING OF TRAFFIC STUDIES AND GRANTING TIME EXTENSION. In that Order the parties were given until September 24, 1990, to file their cost studies and proposed rates.

On September 24, 1990, cost studies and proposed rates were filed in the current docket for the Zimmerman exchange. The filings were later updated by the companies.

In filings dated November 26 and December 4, 1990, the Department of Public Service (the Department) requested an extension to its 45 day time limit for filing a report and recommendation regarding the studies. The Department asked to move its filing deadline from December 4, 1990, to January 17, 1991. The Department felt that the extension would be necessary for it to review adequately the updated and revised Zimmerman filings.

The matter came before the Commission on December 4, 1990.

## FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

The Commission finds that the Department's request for an extension of time is reasonable and should be granted. The reasons for the request are sound. The amount of time sought is reasonable. Neither the public interest nor any party's interests will be prejudiced by the delay.

The extension will be granted.

## ORDER

1. The Department is granted an extension of time until January 17, 1991 to file a report and recommendation regarding cost studies and proposed rates in the docket herein.
2. Parties may file comments on the Department's report and recommendation through February 6, 1991.
3. This Order shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Richard R. Lancaster  
Executive Secretary

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